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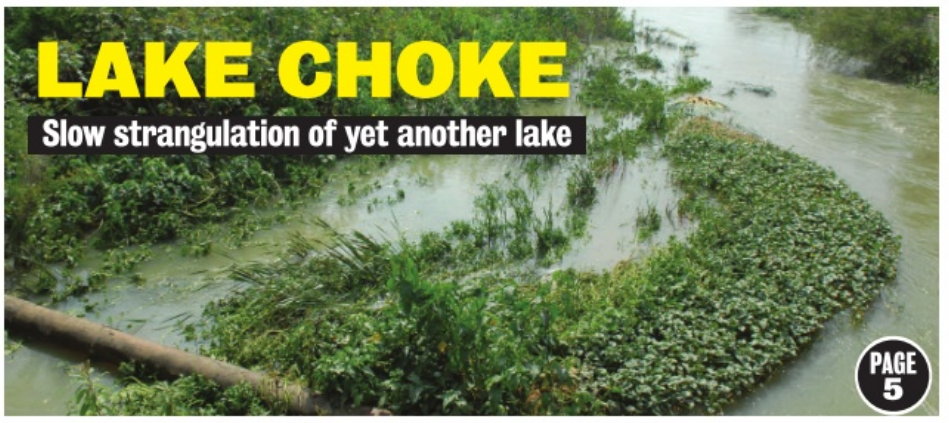

Thick vegetation growing on its walls, unkempt lawn, trash strewn near entrance — cry my beloved city for history violated

SOS: HOLD THE FORT

Bangalore Fort lies in utter neglect; 'lack of funds' to blame?

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Many cities across the world take great pride in protecting its historical forts, but alas that is not the case in Bengaluru. The city's lone fort wall is in a shambles and there is hardly any concern over its state. Shockingly, thick vegetation is growing across the walls, threatening its safety and durability. But we are yet to see any efforts to preserve Bengaluru's rich history.

Just one look at the fort reveals its unfortunate state. The effects of time and weather are evident, with the foliage on the walls protruding due to heavy rains. Additionally, the garden within the fort is poorly maintained, with the grass varying in height, creating an unappealing sight for visitors. Adding to the distressing scene, heaps of trash are strewn outside the fort's entrance, further tarnishing its once-grand image.

Shockingly, the Bangalore Fort, as it stands today, represents only a fraction of its original structure.

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"I had contacted the Archaeological Survey of India several times. Each time, I received the same reaction with officials blaming a 'lack of funds' and a 'downfall of tourist attention' as major reasons for the fort's neglect

— Mansoor Ali, architect

Pass or fail?

BM talks to experts to understand how safe are city's underpasses

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Though nobody was entirely convinced when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike assured that all underpasses in the city are safe, the flooding of an underpass on Monday just put some more doubts in everybody's minds.

BM spoke to a few experts to understand if underpasses are safe at all or if they should be avoided by motorists during heavy rain.

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Rain recce: Underpass, homes, roads flooded

Experts tend to agree that as of now, the underpasses are not safe as they haven't been constructed properly. Civil engineering expert MN Sreehari told BM, "When there is a design fault in them, they cannot be deemed safe. The fault needs to be rectified. The slope in underpasses is deep, leading to waterlogging and difficulty in

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Classical beat

Here's a chance for dance enthusiasts to watch one of the popular Mohiniyattam artists, Swapna Rajendrakumar, who is based in Bengaluru. The artist and her disciples will present a margam woven with various choreographies based on the illusions of Lord Vishnu as a tribute to her guru, Padma Shri Kalamandalam Kshemavathy.
Where: Seva Sadan, 14th Cross, Malleswaram
When: Sunday, June 18; 6 pm onwards

02 Learn safety

Nebula Montessori House of Children presents "Stop!"—a body safety session for children with a parent. The event is for children in the age group of 3 to 7 years old and is free of charge. Registration via WhatsApp is mandatory.
Where: Nebula Montessori House of Children, #9, Ramakrishnappa Road, Cox Town
When: Saturday, June 17; 10:15 am to 11:15 am;
Contact- 9591937006

03 New read

Join the book launch of 'My Odyssey: A Journey of Love, Loss, Loneliness and Light' by Apoorva Ravi in Indiranagar. The book narrates the author's tryst with life: learning to love, encountering loss, and experiencing loneliness. It also talks about her mental health journey, and she hopes that her book will help people embrace the love that they receive.
Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar; When: Saturday, June 17; 7 pm

BBMP: Division in action?

Karnataka Government plans to evaluate proposal for dividing BBMP; civic activists in city believe division would decentralise power and make governance more accessible

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According to activists, it is indeed creditable that the BBMP managed to run the city with limited resources, but the city is clearly not able to deal with mounting garbage, and more

The state government on Monday reconstituted a committee that had submitted a report on the civic body's restructuring in 2018, indicating that it is considering the proposal to split the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Civic activists in the city are sceptical regarding the division. While many believe that it would decentralise power and ease citizen participation, others are wary of funding.

The three-member committee is given the responsibility of bringing about better changes to Bengaluru's governance and administration, which are currently carried out by the municipal body as well as other authorities. BS Patil, former chief secretary; Siddaiah, former commissioner of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and BBMP; and V Ravichandar, former member of the Bangalore Agenda Task Force (BATF), are members of the committee.

"Smaller cities with fewer people are easier to administer, and citizens will also have their municipal offices geographically closer to where they live. This decentralises and makes governance more accessible," said Tara Krishnaswamy, co-founder of Political Shakti and Citizens for Bengaluru. Furthermore, she explained that coordination and proportionate allocation of funds among the divisions would be a requirement for such restructuring to function to its full glory.

"Bengaluru city today is three times bigger than Singapore. While the population exploded, our governance systems didn't undergo the transformation needed to manage the growth. It is indeed creditable that the BBMP managed to run the city with limited resources both in terms of finances and human resources, but we are clearly not able to deal with changing weather patterns, the impact of lane and storm water drain encroachments, and mounting garbage," said Srinivas Alavilli, a citizen activist. He added that transparency, accountability and quick decision making all work better when the unit of governance is smaller.

"Metropolitan governance is needed for things like planning and mobility. We need public debates and consultations that are democratic, and inclusive to build consensus towards change," he further added.

Recently, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was unified into one from three after going through a persistent financial crisis. The crisis was caused by the uneven split, which led to some regions of the capital being treated better while others were left to find their own solutions.

The north MCD and the south MCD were both given 104 wards each, whereas the east MCD was given 64 wards in the trans-Yamuna area.

While the south division received the rich neighbourhoods, the east and north divisions were given localities that belonged to low-tax categories. Data released by the bodies in 2017, around the last civic body elections, showed that the east MCD has 2,28,000 taxpayers, the north has 3,35,000, and the south has 4,75,000 taxpayers. Logistically, the trifurcation led to an increase in the total cost of running the civic body. "However, some city services cut across localities, like water and electricity.

> **"Transparency, accountability and quick decision making all work better when the unit of governance is smaller**
> – Srinivas Alavilli, a citizen activist

Flooding is an example of an interconnected problem, with drains running across the city. Smaller corporations would mean coordination between them should be well oiled, devolution of funds to units sufficiently apportioned, and accountability pinned at the right levels for this approach to work," added Krishnaswamy.

"BBMP being split into smaller corporations will be helpful to improve governance and administration and will also help in being citizen-centric.

It will improve citizen participation at the ward level, which is very much required. Citizen participation through area sabhas and ward committees is very important," said Lalithamba BV, a member of Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP).

Proposal to split Bengaluru Municipality originated in 2008

The proposal to split BBMP is not new. In fact, the idea of adopting the London model was previously mentioned in the 2008 Dr K Kasturirangan Committee Report on the BBMP, but it did not receive much attention at the time. The issue gained traction during the Siddaramaiah government (2013–2018), which attempted to split the city municipality without success.

In 2014, the then Bengaluru district in-charge minister, Ramalinga Reddy, put forth a proposal suggesting the adoption of borough-based administration for the city, drawing inspiration from London. His vision was to split the BBMP into smaller boroughs similar to those in London.

The concept of dividing the civic body into multiple entities had been previously suggested, but the implementation of a borough-style administration was seen as a revolutionary and potentially beneficial move. Reddy highlighted how London was divided into 32 civic regions and argued that Bengaluru, experiencing rapid growth and an influx of migrants, required better civic administration and infrastructure.

Governance challenges in Bengaluru stem from its rapid growth. Those advocating for splitting BBMP claimed that the municipality had become excessively large and complacent, lacking sufficient funds, and failing to fulfil its responsibilities, which resulted in difficulties for the city's residents.

Since the establishment of the first municipal committee in May 1862, Bengaluru has undergone tremendous growth, but its governance mechanism has struggled to keep up. Initially, the city was divided into Bangalore Town and Cantonment Municipality, each managed by separate committees. Bangalore Town covered an area of 21 sq km with a population of 36,302, divided into three sections. Cantonment Municipality spanned 32.37 sq km and comprised six divisions.

Over time, the Bangalore Corporation Act of 1949 increased the number of wards to 50. By 2007, the BBMP, with 100 wards, was supplemented by seven city municipal councils and one town municipal council.

In comparison, other cities have adopted decentralised administrative systems. Advocates for splitting BBMP argue that the experiences of managing global cities highlight the need for Bengaluru to address its governance challenges amidst rapid urbanisation and population growth.

Step lightly into the twilight

Helplines reveal 251% rise in elder abuse since pandemic; family members often culprits in cases

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A shocking incident on Monday afternoon has left Bengaluru shaken. A woman walked into the Mico Layout police station carrying a trolley suitcase. Inside the suitcase, was a body, that of the woman's mother. Sonali Sen, a 39-year-old physiotherapist, who hails from Assam, entered the police station at about 1 pm and admitted to killing her mother, said the police. She had brought the suitcase along with her in an auto.

Along with the body, a framed photo of the dead woman's spouse was also discovered inside the suitcase.

Zooming out of this case, in the larger picture too, the elderly are the most vulnerable lot in the city. Other than risks from within the family, there have been cases of robbery and murder at homes where the elderly live alone.

Data from the Elders Helpline 1090 and the Elderline 14567 shows that elder abuse has increased in Bengaluru by 251% post pandemic. The Elders Helpline 1090 is a joint project of Nightingales Medical Trust and the Bengaluru City Police.

> **Elderly experience silent physical, emotional, and financial abuse at the hands of children and family members**
> –Dr Radha Murthy, Nightingales Trust

The most prevalent in these cases was verbal abuse which amounted to 35% of cases, followed by physical abuse accounting for 30%. The reasons for the same were mostly property-related (29.9%), money-related (16%) and family disputes (7%). Sons were the primary abusers in most cases (52.19%), shows the data.

In India, the senior citizen population is growing rapidly. Elders become a common target for abuse and criminal activity in addition to having a variety of age-related problems. Elderly people experience silent physical, emotional, and financial abuse at the hands of children and family members," said Dr Radha S Murthy, Managing Trustee Nightingales Medical Trust.

Cyber crimes

The data also shows there is a rise in cyber-crimes and elders become an easy target due to the challenges they face in adopting technology. The helplines have also been getting calls related to cyber-crimes. However, these are referred to the cyber-crime division of the city police. The helplines assist the elderly in raising complaints with the Cyber Crime division. It is notable that in Basaveshwara Nagar Police Station's Cyber Crime division alone, 148 cases of cyber-crime on the elderly were reported in 2022.

Frustrated with fights, woman commits murder

The woman who admitted to having killed her mother has been a resident of an apartment complex in Bilekahalli for around six years now.

According to the police, she lived with her mother, 70-year-old Biva Pal, husband and mother-in-law in the apartment. The woman, Sonali Sen, claims to have smothered her mother to death with a towel.

The police say that according to their investigation, the accused was stressed about taking care of her autistic son and elderly mother.

According to the police, the woman told them that she had committed the crime due to her frequent fights with her mother-in-law.

It is said that the victim and Sen's mother-in-law fought almost every day and at one point, Biva had also threatened that she would consume sleeping pills and commit suicide.

The police added that frustrated with the daily quarrels, Sonali forcefully made her mother consume 90 sleeping pills and when the victim complained about stomach ache, she allegedly killed her by strangulating her.

Later, she had stuffed the body into a trolley bag along with the photo of her father and came straight to Mico Layout police station.

The police have arrested the accused and taken up investigation.

IN BRIEF

Hoax bomb threat to IT firm

An IT company in Bellandur received a hoax bomb threat on Tuesday. The company located in Ecospace Business Park received a phone call from an anonymous person around 2 pm threatening them that a bomb has been placed in the company premises. The caller told them that the bomb would explode in a short time. The company informed the police as soon as the call was received. Bellandur police rushed to the spot along with a dog squad and bomb disposal squad.

Now, the police suspect that it is an employee of the company who was recently fired on the grounds of indecent behaviour made the hoax call. The employee who answered the phone also recognised the voice as of the person fired. Police are gathering information about this ex-employee. **BMB**

'Not given VIP treatment in jail'

VK Sasikala Natarajan, AIADMK ex-general secretary and close associate of late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa, has filed a petition in the Karnataka High Court to quash the case against her in connection with alleged VIP treatment to her and her aide J Ilavarasi in the Central Prison of Parappana Agrahara in Bengaluru. The bench headed by Justice M Nagaprasanna looking into the matter, has served a notice to the Lokayukta police and adjourned the matter to June 28 on Monday. Sasikala Natarajan in her petition claimed that she has been made the victim in the case and she is innocent.

The petition states that due to the prestige fight between senior IPS officers of Karnataka, Satyanarayana Rao and Roopa Moudgil, they were made accused in the case. IPS officer Roopa alleged that the petitioner was getting VIP treatment in the prison following which a probe was conducted as per the order of the government. **IANS**

Shakti effect: Too many riders, too few buses

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Buses more crowded, especially in the front reserved for women

Introduction of the free bus travel scheme, Shakti, has resulted in an increase of ridership of road transport corporations (RTCs). On June 12, from midnight to 12 pm, a total of 41,34,726 women used the scheme with the ticket value amounting to Rs 8,83,53,434.

While the rise was expected even prior to the implementation of the scheme, little has been done to accommodate the huge crowd of commuters. Activists have urged the RTCs to increase frequency while also revising routes according to demands, to reduce waiting time and ensure smooth functioning.

"Buses are running with more crowds, especially in the front portion as noted by many regular commuters. At bus stops like Muthurayanagar, women are waiting for the bus for a long time. All these show the need for more routes and frequency," said Shaheen Shasa, from the Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike (BBPV). The forum had prior to the implementation requested for the bus fleet to be increased immediately and for the service gaps in terms of routes and frequency to be looked at.

They had also urged the government to remove the hiring freeze imposed on Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) in order to have as many hands on deck as possible. Conductors in the past three days of the implementation have noted that it is a hassle to check the identity card of every woman who boards the bus. At certain instances, it may also lead to a delay. Before the scheme, they only had the responsibility of checking the identity cards of pass holders.

Vinay Sreenivasa, an activist, said that the BMTC must put out data regarding the number of buses they currently possess and the number of buses currently plying on roads. He added that the authorities must be held accountable and questioned about why a chunk of their existing fleet is not functioning. He also said that the authorities must put out data on the number of shifts there are and the schedules of each shift.

> **At many bus stops, women are waiting for a bus for long. This shows need for more routes and frequency**
> –Shaheen Shasa, BBPV

Professor Dr Ashish Verma, Convenor of IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab, had previously noted that if the fleet size is not increased proportionally, it will lead to a disruption even in the services that were being provided by the RTCs prior to the implementation of the scheme.

The corporations plans to procure 1,894 buses this year.

After stench, came fire

Refuse-derived fuel accumulating at Kudlu KCDC plant catches fire; residents have been complaining about stench too

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Residents of Kudlu, Somasundara Palya, Haraluru, and Hosapalya have been demanding that BBMP remove the accumulated refuse-derived fuel (RDF); smoke rises from heaps of RDF that caught fire (below)

It has become routine for residents living around the Karnataka Compost Development Corporation (KCDC) plant in Kudlu to complain to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities about the stench coming from tons of refuse-derived fuel (RDF) accumulated on the premises. The authorities, in turn, reportedly pretend to do something to alleviate the problems.

Residents of Kudlu, Somasundara Palya, Haraluru, and Hosapalya have been demanding that the BBMP authorities remove the accumulated RDF, which has become a health hazard. They say that it is prone to fire accidents during summer and emits a foul smell whenever it rains.

On Monday evening, the residents were shocked to see smoke billowing from the heaps of RDF. They claim that the KCDC management has been procrastinating removal work.

"The accumulated RDF has become a nuisance for us. We cannot live peacefully here. We often notice smoke coming from the heaps. If the KCDC management does not take measures to remove it within a few days, we will have to endure the foul smell during the monsoon," said Sachin Pandit, a resident.

Expressing concern about the frequent fire incidents involving the RDF, Venkatesh HS, also a resident, stated that the KCDC management does not allow them to enter the plant premises. "We have asked the management to provide daily data on the waste received by the plant, but to no avail," he added.

It is learned that Dr Harish Kumar K, the Special Commissioner of BBMP Solid Waste Management (SWM), wrote a letter on June 1, instructing HE Krishnamurthy, Joint Commissioner of Bommanahalli Zone and Managing Director of KCDC, to immediately start the KCDC plant at full capacity. Failure to comply would make the latter personally responsible.

In the letter, the Special Commissioner (SWM) stated that as per the High Court's directive, the KCDC MSW plant was assigned to the Joint Commissioner (Bommanahalli)/Managing Director of KCDC. "The plant has not been receiving wet waste since April 24 until today (June 1). The plant used to receive an average of 133 MT of waste, but it has stopped operating," the Special Commissioner (SWM) wrote.

Meanwhile, an assistant executive engineer (SWM) mentioned that the plant management had asked fire and emergency services to send a fire tender to extinguish the fire that broke out in the RDF stock. "It was not a major fire. One fire tender arrived at the spot to put out the fire," said the assistant executive engineer.

The assistant executive engineer also stated that the clearing of the accumulated RDF has already commenced. "We expect to complete the work within 15 days," the assistant executive engineer added.

Will the BBMP solid waste management engineers complete the task of clearing the RDF heaps on the KCDC premises and provide much-needed relief to the residents in nearby areas? The residents will have to wait and see.

Tunnel vision to tunnel mission

Will Bengaluru have tunnels for traffic movement? Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar has proposed the idea of exploring the feasibility of constructing tunnels to facilitate smoother traffic flow. After inspecting the city's major traffic bottlenecks, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the existence of 18 congestion points that require attention.

"The Hebbal and Tin Factory junctions are among the busiest in the city. I have conducted an on-site inspection in collaboration with officials from the relevant departments. For instance, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has devised a plan to alleviate congestion at Hebbal, while the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) has its own proposal. Therefore, we will carefully assess all the plans before determining the most effective approach. I have instructed officials to assess the feasibility of implementing tunnels for traffic movement. In the case of constructing flyovers, both short and long-distance flyovers may be necessary. However, whichever project we undertake, it should be designed to accommodate the growing traffic for the next 25 years," he said.

The Hebbal flyover, which was opened to traffic in 2003, was once considered a remarkable solution to alleviate congestion. However, it now appears to be an example of poor planning,as the engineers failed to construct a flyover capable of accommodating the city's expanding traffic.

Meanwhile, Shivakumar announced that he will conduct two meetings in the near future. The first will involve public stakeholders who possess a keen interest in the city's infrastructure projects and have consistently provided valuable insights. The second will bring together global experts who are interested in resolving Bengaluru's traffic challenges. One of these meetings is expected to take place this week, with the other scheduled within the next fortnight.

During the previous BJP government, SR Vishwanath, the former president of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and MLA of Yelahanka, laid the foundation stone for the renovation of the Hebbal flyover. When asked whether the current government would proceed with the same model and construction, Minister Shivakumar responded by stating that they would review the project. He added, "If it is technically feasible, we will proceed, but we would like to gather opinions from all stakeholders before moving forward."

Shivakumar also mentioned that metro officials primarily work at night to minimise disruptions to daytime traffic. The police have been informed that the proposed airport metro line will commence soon at Hebbal, and they have been directed to ensure minimal disruption to surface traffic.

Crackdown on debris dumping on roads

DK Shivakumar expressed concern over the practice of a few trucks and tractors dumping trash on roadsides. "We have issued strict warnings against roadside dumping. I have instructed officials to take legal action against such individuals. It is imperative to keep Bengaluru clean. Debris should not be dumped on footpaths. I have instructed that every police station register trucks and tractors within their jurisdiction, ensuring accountability for the disposal of trash," he said. — BMB

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Water underbridge?

Kengeri

The railway underbridge opposite RV engineering college, Mysuru Road, Kengeri needs the attention of authorities.

Stop flexing

KEB Layout

5th Main, KEB Layout in Sanjaynagar is full of flexes.

Wrong signal

Victoria/Palmgrove Road

This BBMP garbage compactor parked on Victoria and Palmgrove Road intersection is blocking the traffic signal.

'Prime facie material must for criminal proceedings'

The Karnataka High Court said that there should be prima facie material to initiate criminal proceedings against any person or else it would amount to abuse of the process of law.

Quashing a criminal case against Vipul Prakash Patil, an agriculturist from Sangli in Maharashtra, the High Court in its recent order said, "This court is of the considered opinion that in the absence of any prima facie documentary proof to hook in the present petitioner in the alleged fraud, the very registration of complaint as against the present petitioner is unnecessary and has resulted in abuse of process of court."

The Chikkodi police had registered the case against Patil based on a complaint lodged by a person named Shivananda Magaduma under Section 9 of Karnataka Protection of Interest Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (KPID Act) and under Sections 406 and 420 (cheating) of the IPC.

It was alleged that Patil and three others had promised a return of 10 installments of Rs 15,000 each if an investment of Rs 1 lakh was made.

"Initially, in order to gain the confidence of the complainant and other investors, Pinomic Company, a limited liability partnership firm, repaid the amount for a few months and thereafter stopped paying the amount. The efforts made by the complainant and others to recover the money went in vain and left with no alternative they approached Chikkodi police and lodged the complaint," it was averred.

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From neglect to invasion, this lake endures it all

Residents in Yelahanka point out status of inlets and outlets of Avalahalli Lake

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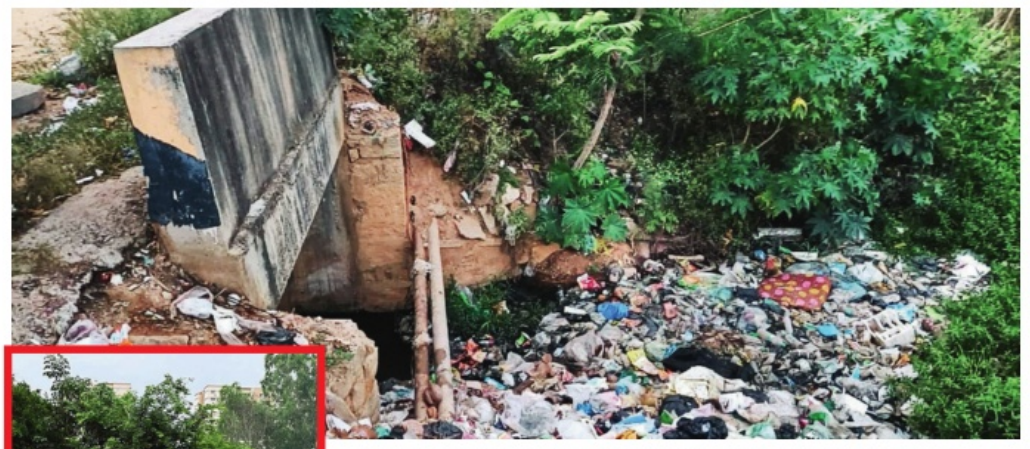

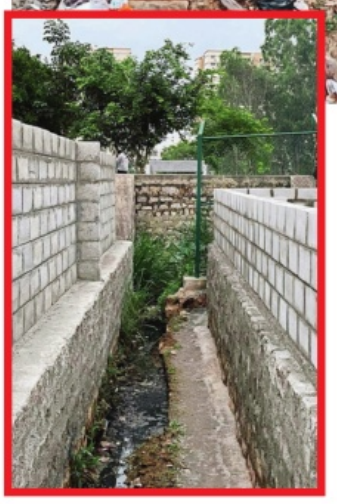

The south and west-side entry points of the rajakaluve are clogged and full of plastic waste

The residents of Yelahanka, living close to Avalahalli Lake, protested at the lake, indicating its neglected state. They highlighted that both the inlet and outlet of the lake were completely clogged. Additionally, they pointed out that a private property under construction would encroach upon the nearby storm water drain, further affecting the lake.

The residents protested and asked the Singanayakanahalli panchayat to take immediate measures to protect the lake. Currently, the water quality and level have gone down. While there are even other problems at the lake like unauthorised fishing, garbage dumped at the lakeside, the digging of borewell inside the lake boundary, and more such issues that need to be addressed.

In a letter written to the panchayat that would be submitted to them, the members of Green Circle pointed out the status of the inlets and outlets of the lake.

"The south and west-side entry points of the rajakaluve are clogged and full of plastic waste. The rajakaluve is an important source of water for the lake. However, a lot of encroachments seem to have taken place along its routes, thereby depriving the lake of its water supply. Moreover, sewage has replaced storm water. During the ensuing monsoon, the storm water flow will be obstructed due to encroachments and clogging due to plastic waste. We feel that the rajakaluve needs to be cleaned. Further installation of STP at inlets will ensure that the untreated sewage does not enter the lake," said V Selvarajan, Secretary of Green Circle.

The members disclosed that a multi-storey building is proposed for the vacant plot next to Prestige Royale Gardens. The residents added that the plot is adjacent to the rajakaluve (outlet), which is supposed to be receiving surplus water from Avalahalli Lake.

"According to the map, the rajakaluve is connected to the Singanayakanahalli Amanikere. Currently, the storm water drain has been reduced to a narrow sewage drain running alongside plots in survey numbers 26–28. Now, with a building proposed in that area, many trees have been felled, and construction activity has just commenced, violating the buffer norms for the rajakaluve," added Selvarajan.

"The lake needs consistent attention for improvement from civic authorities. Though considerable funds have been allocated for the unkeep of the lake, progress is very slow –Kumar Kalyandurg

Furthermore, residents said that the rajakaluve needs to be cleared of debris, followed by regular maintenance.

Vidhyasagar Arya, a resident of the area, said, "Unless local communities are sensitised about the importance of rajakaluve in carrying the excess water from one lake to the other and keeping it clean, efforts put in cleaning rajakaluve will go to waste. Grassroots support is a must for the successful implementation of any policy intervention. Also, a vigilant and vibrant community is required for making government agencies accountable."

Apart from this, the residents alleged that there have been many encroachments within the lake boundaries, especially cement fencing by private parties, that must be cleared.

Selvarajan said that he has observed over 40 species of birds at the lake. However, due to rampant unauthorised fishing at the lake, he stated that the bird population has come down.

Although the lake has been provided with sufficient benches and a walking track, the border tiles at the south end of the lake have been broken within two months of being laid. "The fencing of the lake is left incomplete, and many two-wheeler riders are passing through the lake. The purpose of fencing is to prevent unauthorised use of the lake by anti-social elements," explained Selvarajan.

"The lake needs consistent attention for improvement from civic authorities. Though considerable exclusive funds have been allocated for the upkeep of the lake, practical progress is very slow and dismal," said Kumar Kalyandurg, another resident.

Heatwave triggers egg price hike

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Egg prices in Karnataka have increased by 25 per cent in the past month due to a decrease in production. Sources say that the heat during summer is affecting chicken production as they consume less food and more liquid. Additionally, chickens do not sweat, so the heat gets trapped in their feathers, further reducing production.

The eggs are being sold at Rs 6.5 per piece, while the wholesale price is Rs 5.65. BR Sainath, president of the National Egg Coordination Committee of Bengaluru Zone, said, "Around 1.60 crore eggs are produced in Karnataka. Out of these, 50% are consumed in Bengaluru alone. Additionally, eggs are supplied from Namakkal (Tamil Nadu), Hospet, and Hyderabad. Due to fluctuations in temperature, there has been a dip in production."

Every year, there is a decrease in egg production during the summer. However, this year, the drop has been significant. An egg supplier said that they used to sell around 4.25 lakh eggs a day, but now they are only selling around 4 lakh eggs a day.

Chicken prices have also increased in Karnataka. Ready chicken is now being sold for Rs 200 to Rs 250 per kg, skinless chicken for Rs 230 to Rs 280 per kg, and naati chicken for Rs 500 to Rs 600 per kg. A seller said that the price of chicken feed has gone up by 25 to 30 per cent this year.

Lemon prices soar

The price of lemons has skyrocketed in India, with wholesale prices for 1,000 lemons now ranging from Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000, up from Rs 2,500 to Rs 3,000 just a few months ago. As a result, retail prices for lemons have also increased, with each lemon now selling for Rs 7 to Rs 8 in some parts of the country. In some places, lemons are even being sold for Rs 10 each, or three lemons for Rs 20.

Traders say that the high demand for lemons during summer is one of the main reasons for the price rise.

Rose prices plunge

The price of roses has plunged in India, with a few varieties of roses (paneer rose) now being sold at Rs 10 to Rs 20 per kg by farmers at wholesale markets. As a result, many farmers have stopped plucking flowers, as they feel that the cost of labour for plucking flowers is more than the selling price.

Water, water everywhere

Flood-proof? Don't think so

Kadubeesanahalli underpass gets flooded after rains, causing major congestion

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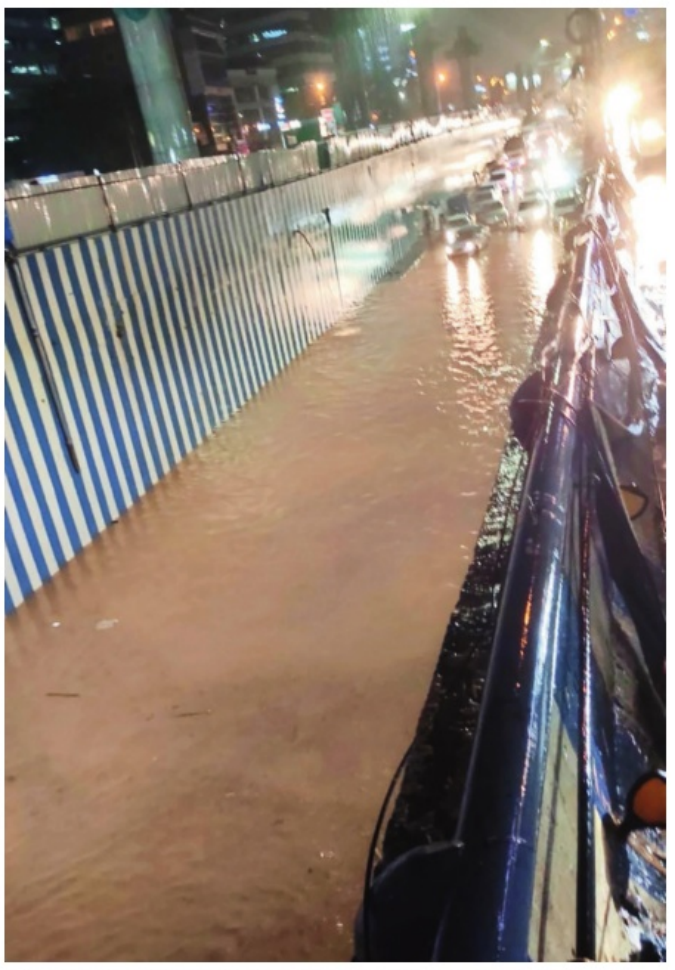
The Kadubeesanahalli underpass on Outer Ring Road (ORR) saw severe waterlogging after heavy rains lashed the city on Monday. Many commuters had already started their journey on the stretch with the underpass. By the time they realised that the underpass was completely flooded, it was too late to turn back. There was a huge pileup of vehicles, and commuters had no other option but to wait for long hours.

Recently, officials from Mahadevapura had said that the underpass had been free from flooding for a long time and commuters were able to pass through the stretch easily. However, with Monday's waterlogging, many commuters have started to question the poor infrastructure and improper drainage system at the ORR - a place dotted with IT companies.

Back in September 2022, a similar situation had occurred when the Kadubeesanahalli underpass was flooded, causing a traffic jam that lasted for about three to four hours.

Mahadevapura Task Force volunteers revealed that the cause of the flood-like situation was a rainwater outlet pipeline from one side of the underpass getting damaged during BMRCL piling work. It was stated just last month that the issue had been resolved.



Waterlogging in Kadubeesanahalli underpass on Outer Ring Road (ORR) after Monday's downpour in the city

However, flooding occurred again on Tuesday, leaving commuters frustrated. "In Bengaluru, during the rains, almost all routes are congested. The least we can expect is for the underpasses to be clear so that at least the vehicles can move easily. But here, the underpass gets flooded, and we have to wait for hours until it is fixed. We cannot even take alternative routes in this situation as all the vehicles are piled up back and forth. The traffic movement at ORR, Panathur, and Marathahalli was affected," said Amit Kumar, a regular commuter.

> **"Just a few days ago, we received an update that the problem of flooding at the underpass was solved. Then how did it occur again? I was stuck for an hour** – Commuter

Another commuter said, "Just a few days ago, we received an update that the problem of flooding at the underpass was solved. Then how did it occur again? Mahadevapura supposedly contributes the highest tax revenue in the city, but we have very poor infrastructure. I was stuck at the underpass for an hour with bumper-to-bumper traffic. We had to wait until the space was cleared out."

The HAL Airport traffic police also tweeted about the underpass being flooded and asked commuters to avoid the route.

Clement Jayakumar from Mahadevpura Task Force said, "As the BMRCL was carrying out piling work, they had blocked the drain. The heavy rains were unexpected, and since the drain was blocked, water couldn't flow easily, causing the underpass to get flooded. In about 40 minutes the drain was opened up, and water started to flow inside. Once the water level receded, vehicles started to move."

Chroma Road 'under water' again. Help!

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With the rains starting to pour in, Chroma Road has become a victim of flooding yet again. The road was recently asphalted after many requests from residents.

Chroma Road in Balagere is an alternative road for the residents to reach Outer Ring Road (ORR). With the Panathur railway underbridge continuing to be a traffic nightmare, residents prefer to use Chroma Road, which was conveniently asphalted as well. However, with the flooding, the road has been rendered useless and residents cannot use the stretch. The railway underbridge ahead was inundated too.

Residents said that there was knee-length waterlogging on Chroma Road on Tuesday. "Right now, it's fully inundated with water. The road is completely blocked, and the Panathur Road issues are yet to be resolved. The road towards Kundalahalli is blocked due to Cauvery Stage V work. Balagere has now turned into an island. Yesterday, I was traveling from HSR Layout, and it took me five hours to reach home," said Suresh, a resident of the area.

Another resident, Parth, told Bangalore Mirror that there was six-feet- deep water right next to the vent. "Chroma Road connects the railway crossing and Belathur. Whether before or after asphalting - flooding has not stopped on this road. Our other option is to go through Panathur S-cross railway underbridge, and only one vehicle can pass through at a time there. I usually use the stretch for my office commute."

Residents said that there was knee-level water in Chroma Road on Tuesday

Smaller drains prevent narrow escape

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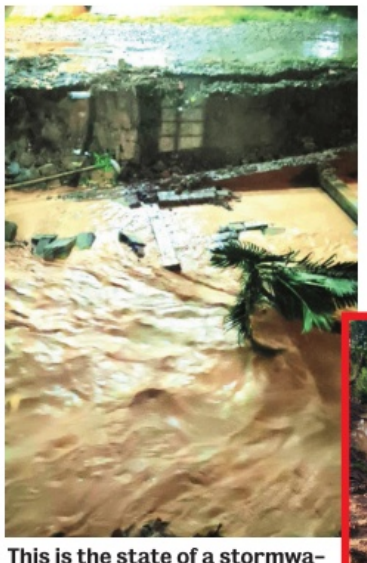
The downpour on Monday evening caused flooding in some areas around Varthur in the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency. With rainwater entering several houses, residents were compelled to spend sleepless nights.



This is the state of a stormwater drain in Varthur in the Mahadevapura constituency

Roads were inundated at Prakash Layout, Chinnappa Layout, and Meenakshi Layout. Residents blamed the encroachment of stormwater drains as the main cause of flooding.

"The width of the stormwater drain has been reduced to 15 from 40 or 60 feet. The stormwater drain is diverted in some localities for the benefit of the land mafia. There will be no relief for the residents at Prakash, Chinnappa, and Meenakshi layouts unless the width of the stormwater drain is restored to its original size," said Jagadeesh Reddy of Varthur Rising.

Coming down heavily on the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities for their negligence towards the encroachment of stormwater drains in and around Varthur, Raveesh K, an advocate residing on Haalubhaavi Road, Varthur, said that he had written a letter on December 22, 2022, to the Chief Engineer of the Stormwater Drain Department about the encroachment of the drains and their unscientific development, but no action has been taken so far.

"I brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer the collusion between BBMP engineers and landowners to reduce the width of the stormwater drain from 20, 30, and 32 meters to 10, 15, and 20 feet. The SWD engineer and the nodal officer have closed the stormwater drain in front of a private layout developed in a green belt area near Varthur," said Raveesh.

He said that BBMP authorities have helped people owning land bearing survey numbers 60, 61, 73, 176, and 177 by reducing the width of the stormwater drain. "I appealed to the Chief Engineer of stormwater drains to initiate action against those responsible for the encroachment, but nothing has happened to date," he said.

The residents said rainwater entered eight to ten houses, and five to six two and four-wheelers were damaged due to waterlogging.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant engineer Venkatesh said that he has already sent workers to drain water from low-lying areas. "I am visiting the spot to prepare a report on waterlogging," he said.

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HEAT OF THE MOMENT

The relationship between heat stroke and heart failure

Extreme temperatures can increase health risks for people with chronic conditions, including problems with the heart, brain, kidneys, and muscles. With the mercury soaring day by day in summer, our bodies tend to overheat, leading to heat stroke, which usually happens because of prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. This condition is most common in the summer months.

Cases of heart failure, heart attacks, and strokes rise in the hot weather. Heart attacks and strokes occur due to interruptions in the normal flow of blood to the heart or brain-the two most vital organs. According to research, patients with heart diseases may be particularly vulnerable to heat injury. This means that you can be at greater risk if you have a heart condition.

How does hot weather affect the heart and brain? Exposure to high temperatures can not only increase the risk of heat stroke and heat exhaustion but also put the heart at risk. Heat can put stress on the cardiovascular system, making the heart work harder. Hot weather also means that your whole body has to work harder to keep its core temperature to normal levels. This puts extra strain on your heart, lungs, and kidneys.

In the absence of a quick response to a lower body temperature, heat stroke can cause the brain and other vital organs to swell, possibly resulting in permanent damage. So, heat stroke can be fatal, without prompt and adequate treatment.

Heat stroke symptoms

Heat stroke signs and symptoms may include a high body temperature, altered mental state or behaviour, nausea and vomiting, dizziness, fainting, muscle cramps, shallow and fast breathing, a heat rash, an alteration in sweating, and a headache. In addition, flushed skin, and edema (swelling) in the ankles are also some of the symptoms. The main sign of heat stroke is a core body temperature of 104 F (40 C) or higher, obtained with a rectal thermometer.

Diagnosis

Usually, heat stroke is apparent to the doctors, if you have it, but laboratory tests can also confirm the diagnosis, besides ruling out other causes of your symptoms and assessing organ damage. Diagnostic tests include:

Body temperature: This test is done to check your core body temperature. Rectal temperature is more accurate than mouth or forehead temperatures. It is the most accurate way of determining your core body temperature.

Blood test: This test is done to check your blood kidney function, serum electrolyte levels, and the content of arterial gases in your blood.

Urine test: It is done to check the colour, specific gravity, and microscopic contents of urine, which can be affected by heat stroke.

In addition to these tests, we must perform an ECG and echocardiography to evaluate and diagnose heart failure. Also, CT or MRI of the brain is done if we suspect stroke in any patient, of which MRI is the investigation of choice.

Treatment

Treatment for heat stroke is focused on cooling down your body to regain its normal temperature. This is done to prevent further damage to your heart, brain, and other vital organs. In that direction, your doctor may take the following steps:

- Immerse yourself in cold water
- Use evaporation cooling techniques
- Pack yourself with ice and cooling blankets
- Give medications to stop your shivering

If you have signs or symptoms of heat stroke, then home treatment isn't enough. You should seek immediate or emergency medical help. However, in case of a lesser heat emergency, such as heat exhaustion or heat cramps, the affected person can get to a shady or air-conditioned place, cool off with damp sheets and a fan, take a cool shower or bath, and rehydrate with fluids and ORS. Make sure you don't drink sugary or alcoholic beverages to rehydrate.

If you think a person might be experiencing heat stroke, take immediate action and get him/her emergency treatment. While waiting for help, you can get the person into the shade or indoors, remove excess clothing, and cool the patient with whatever means are available. The good thing is that heat stroke is predictable and preventable. Those with heart conditions can follow some basic strategies for staying cool, like monitoring weather forecasts, drinking water every 20 minutes when outside, avoiding soda or fruit juice, limiting alcohol, and protecting their skin.

(Dr Sunita Kapoor, Director and Consultant Pathologist at City X-ray & Scan Clinic, for IANS)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Engineered white blood cells can eliminate cancer, study finds

Researchers have manipulated a type of white blood cells, called macrophages, to eliminate solid tumours by silencing their molecular pathway that prevents them from attacking our own cells.

Cancers that form solid tumours such as in the breast, brain, or skin are particularly hard to treat. Surgery is typically the first line of defence for patients fighting solid tumours. However, surgery may not remove all cancerous cells, and leftover cells can mutate and spread throughout the body.

The new approach, described in the journal Nature Biomedical Engineering, not only eliminates cancerous cells, but teaches the immune system to recognise and kill them in the future. "Due to a solid tumour's physical properties, it is challenging to design molecules that can enter these masses," said Dennis Discher, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the US.

"Instead of creating a new molecule to do the job, we propose using cells that 'eat' invaders—macrophages," Discher said.

Macrophages, a type of white blood cell, immediately engulf and destroy invaders such as bacteria, viruses, and even implants to remove them from the body.

A macrophage's innate immune response teaches our bodies to remember and attack invading cells in the future. This learned immunity is essential to creating a kind of cancer vaccine. However, a macrophage can not attack what it cannot see. "Macrophages recognise cancer cells as part of the body, not invaders," said the University of Pennsylvania post-doctoral fellow Larry Dooling.

"To allow these white blood cells to see and attack cancer cells, we had to investigate the molecular pathway that controls cell-to-cell communication. Turning off this pathway—a checkpoint interaction between a protein called SIRPa on the macrophage and the CD47 protein found on all 'self' cells—was the key to creating this therapy," Dooling said. — PTI

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman aged 29 and it's been more than a year since I've been in a relationship. My last one ended badly (my ex went off with one of my friends) and I was absolutely heartbroken and humiliated.
I still feel so angry with both of them for the betrayal and would love to find a partner to show him that he hasn't broken me - but the truth is it's been years since I dated and I don't know how to do it any more. My confidence isn't great. I'm nervous about talking to guys and I hate that whole bar scene.
My friends have been brilliant, but my heart isn't in it.
Some of my friends are still single, but they're super confident (not to mention gorgeous) and I don't feel I can compete. How do I give myself the opportunities to meet a potential partner?

COLEEN SAYS

You're only 29, so don't panic. I started online dating in my 50s after two divorces. Trust me, if I can do it, anyone can. But don't think of finding a partner in terms of getting revenge on your ex.
Everyone has the same anxieties about dating. Very few people are so self-assured that they take it in their stride, but you're probably overthinking things. Think of it as having some fun and seeing what develops. Don't look at every guy you meet as a potential partner or husband.
And the more you go out and meet different people, the less intimidating it will be and the more confident you'll become.
You're still hurting from your last break up, but the more you engage with life and other people, the less you'll think about him and what he did. If you feel ready to date again, that's a great first step. You just have to build your confidence.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Despite remarkable features, fort's legacy forgotten

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Merely around 5% of the fort has been preserved and is available for public viewing.

Well-known historian Suresh Moona said, "Bangalore Fort, a testament to the city's rich legacy, now feels like "a forgotten patient in a hospital ward, inching closer to oblivion. There is disparity in the attention given to the Bangalore Fort compared to the illustrious Bangalore Palace. There is limited knowledge among the general public about the fort due to the absence of information boards in multiple languages depriving visitors of a deeper understanding of its archival significance."

He said that the fort boasted of advanced craftsmanship such as the two cellars that once housed British soldiers, along with another cellar belonging to Captain David Baird. The Fort housed rifles and cannon holes strategically positioned for defending Bangalore, that could target each corner of the city. Moona lamented that despite these remarkable features, little importance has been placed on preserving the fort's historical legacy.

During the Anglo-Mysore War, meticulous visual documentation was made, capturing the fort's various gates and the citadel's stronghold. This documentation further reinforces the fort's importance and raises

questions as to why it has been overlooked in the city's main itinerary. Additionally, the fort's armoury has fallen victim to theft, highlighting the urgent need for enhanced security and protection of its artifacts.

Architect Mansoor Ali, a prominent voice in the preservation of heritage structures, expressed displeasure at the current situation.

Ali revealed that the authorities responsible for the fort's maintenance are struggling to generate sufficient revenue from the fort to ensure its proper upkeep. "I had contacted the Archaeological Survey of India several times. However, each time, I received the same reaction with officials blaming a "lack of funds" and a "downfall of tourist attention" as the major reasons for the fort's neglect."

Dr. Meera Iyer, the Convenor of the Bengaluru Chapter of INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) added, "It is tragic as the fort carries the stories of warriors who made immense sacrifices and serves as a crucial link to the city's history."

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Inflated power bills raise heat in K'taka

Cong, BJP indulge in blame game while public shocked at huge bills

The Congress government in Karnataka and opposition BJP are passing the buck on each other as people expressed outrage over inflated electricity bills.

Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday stated in Shiggaon city that power tariff was not raised during his tenure. However, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah claimed that power tariff was raised during the BJP government in the state.

Talking to reporters, Bommai stated that the power tariff was not hiked during the BJP government's tenure. "The KERC is a statutory body. Though it proposed a hike in power tariff in March, we had not agreed. We had not increased power tariff. Electricity fare has been raised after the Congress government came to power," Bommai claimed.

"The power tariff has been increased in April. This is a huge burden. The power sector is going to face a crisis in the coming days. The transport and power sector should be granted funds, it won't work if subsidies are given after a year," he said.

"If power and transport sectors are not given funds and managed efficiently, the buses will stop plying and there will be no power," Bommai added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had claimed on Sunday that as per the recommendation of the previous BJP government, the electricity tariff has been increased. "However,the BJP is spreading lies that we have increased the electricity rates," Siddaramaiah claimed.

Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) revised the power tariff on May 12. According to KERC order, power tariff was revised to average 70 paise per unit for all household connections in the state and the order was given retrospective effect from April, 2023 consumption.

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Electricity rates could spike soon
Power expenditure expected to double for both domestic, industrial consumers

BM had reported on January 16 that a power tariff hike was imminent

Due to the revision of the tariff, an enhanced average 70 paise per unit will be collected in June bills, said Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) Managing Director Mahantesh Bilagi. "We have been forced to implement this order," he said.

Since this order was passed with retrospective basis from April 1, 2023, arrears will be collected in the June bill. The KERC also ordered for fixation of tariff in two slabs. According to the order, for consumption of the first 100 units, the revised energy charge is Rs 4.75 per unit and if consumption crosses 100 units, the energy charge is Rs 7 per unit. The consumer has to pay a flat Rs 7 per unit if consumption crosses 100 units.

Before tariff revision, energy charges were fixed in three slabs. According to earlier energy charges, for consumption of the first 50 Units, the energy charge was Rs 4.15 per unit, for consumption of another 50 units, the energy charge was Rs 5.6 per unit and for consumption beyond 100 units, energy charges were fixed at Rs 7.15 per unit, Bilagi said.

> **"If power and transport sectors are not given funds and managed efficiently, the buses will stop plying and there will be no power**
>
> – Basavaraj Bommai, Former CM

The KERC also revised fixed charges. For 1 to 50 KW sanctioned load, the fixed charge is Rs 110 and above 50 KW sanctioned load, fixed charge will be Rs 210. According to Tariff Regulation Notification 2006 of KERC, all ESCOMs should file applications for seeking revision of tariff in the month of November every year.

Infuriated with power tariff hike, many across the state are challenging authorities that they won't pay the electricity bill, come what may.

People who used to get Rs 800 bill will now have to pay up to Rs 2,400. The situation is proving to be a roadblock for the Congress government which wants to get maximum mileage out of the Griha Jyothi scheme under which it is providing free 200 units of power to all households.

– IANS

Indian govt put pressure on Twitter: Ex-CEO Dorsey

Former Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, in an exploratory remark, has claimed that India had put pressure on the micro-blogging platform, including giving threats of winding it down and conducting raids on employees' homes.

During an interview with YouTube channel Breaking Points late on Monday, Dorsey said that the threats came as Twitter refused to comply with the government's demands to block accounts during the farmers' protests in early 2021. "We would raid the homes of your employees', which they did; We will shut down your offices if you don't follow suit. And this is India, a democratic country," Dorsey said on the channel when asked to share some examples of pressure from foreign governments during his tenure, before Elon Musk took over.

"India is a country that had many requests of us around the farmers' protest, around particular journalists that were critical of the government, and it manifested in ways such as 'we will shut Twitter down in India', which is a very large market for us," Dorsey further said.

The government was yet to respond to Dorsey's allegation. Last year, Twitter told the Karnataka High Court that it was asked to completely block numerous multiple accounts during the farmers' agitation on the borders of Delhi in 2021.

Twitter, in its petition before the High Court, maintained that blocking orders by the Union government violate the rights of users under the Constitution. The petition also describes the move of the government as arbitrary and in violation of Section 69 A of the IT Act. The Central government maintained that the blocking orders were issued in the national interest. **– IANS**

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'People should not be scared to use underpasses'

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draining the water. To maintain an adequate slope, extra length needs to be given on either side but that will ramp up costs. The ideal slope should be of 1:50 gradient."

According to him, it is also a must that underpasses are periodically undergoing maintenance work, especially before monsoon. "The slope and grating needs to be checked by the BBMP after construction. The quality of work needs to be audited every year and contractors need to be held responsible," added Sreehari.

Karnataka State Motorists Association advised motorists to avoid underpasses during heavy rains. "During heavy rains, we request motorists to avoid underpasses, especially two-wheelers. There are 53 underpasses in Bengaluru but the BBMP commissioner said that all underpasses are safe. However, the audit report states that 13 underpasses are in a vulnerable state. BBMP needs to provide a permanent solution to the flooding issue as motorists have to wait under the underpasses during the rain. BBMP should also take up efforts to clean up the drains before monsoon and ensure all underpasses are in good condition," said Raghavendra Poojari of KSMA.

However, BBMP officials continue to insist that these underpasses are safe to use. "All the underpasses are safe for travel. In the Kadubeesanahalli underpass, BMRCL had taken up some work. As soon as the water started gushing into the underpass, our team rose to action. People should not be scared to use underpasses," said a BBMP official. Traffic officials say that underpasses connect some key routes and cannot be avoided. "If there is no waterlogging at underpasses, it's safe for motorists. In case of too much waterlogging, it's not safe for motorists. But, motorists can't avoid underpasses. At some places, underpasses play a key connecting role such as on ORR. Without underpasses, there would be traffic pile-ups," said a senior traffic official.

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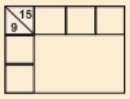
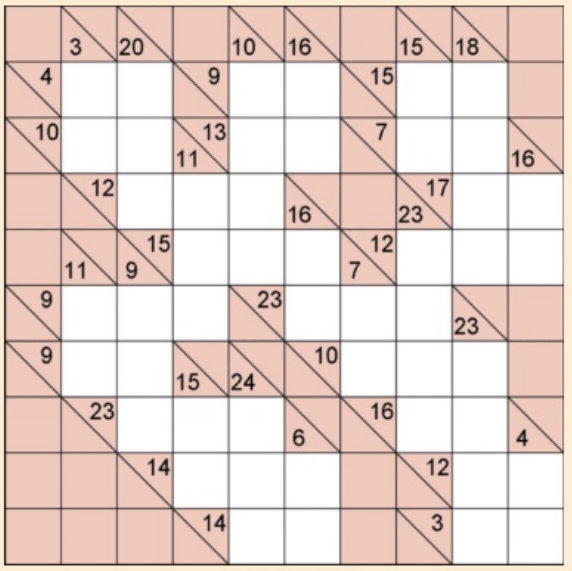
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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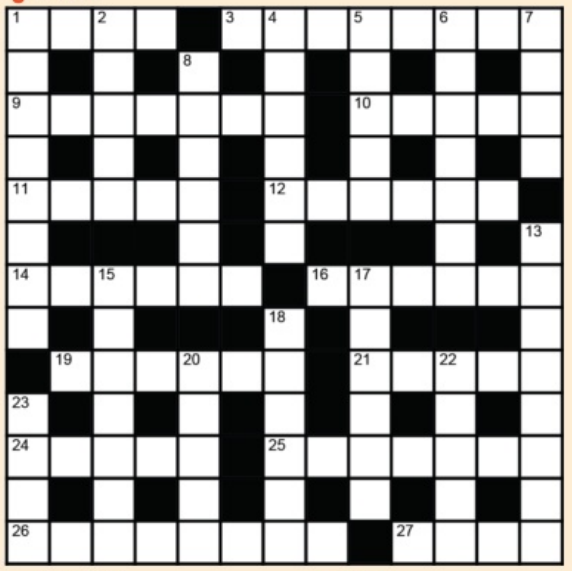


ACROSS

1 Domesticated animals (4)
3 __ __ lead to Rome (3,5)
9 Reaching (7)
10 Pugilist (5)
11 Reed instruments (5)
12 Popular dating app (6)
14 Karnataka city just south of Goa (6)
16 Teetered or influenced (6)
19 Sesame paste (6)
21 Vagrant (5)
24 Weaving machines (5)
25 Art of paper folding (7)
26 Commerce (8)
27 Prayer ending (4)

DOWN

1 Proud birds, we are told (8)
2 Trunk (5)
4 Mark of new driver (1-5)
5 Batman's sidekick (5)
6 Concern, care or fear (7)
7 Certain (4)
8 Zend ___ : Zoroastrian holy book (6)
13 Taking as one's own (8)
15 Causes (7)
17 Intelligently aware; trendy (4,2)
18 Indian wild buffalos (6)
20 Peer Gynt author (5)
22 Frighten (5)
23 Putter or driver (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS F

LWJCA QWJLO JLW J OHFT UI QLWJYMWLA, TUQ UI FLHWI.

Linemaro

I' ll be your crying shoulder, I'll be better when I'am older, I'll be the greatest fan of your life

Mindchow

As long as you derive inner peace and comfort from anything, keep it

Joke of the day

What does an educated owl say?
Whom

Loop

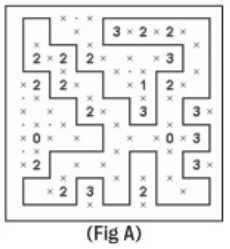
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

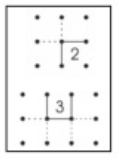
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

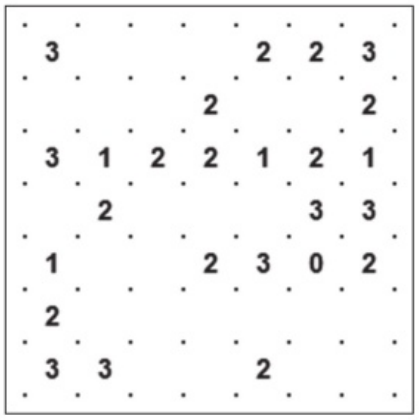
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



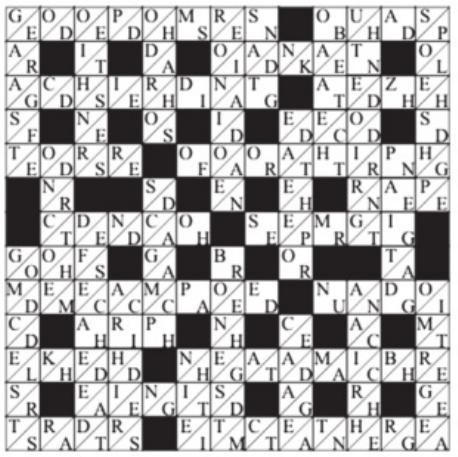
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



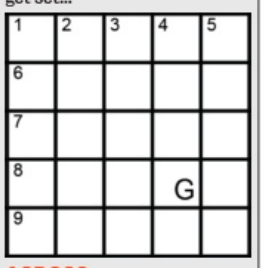
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

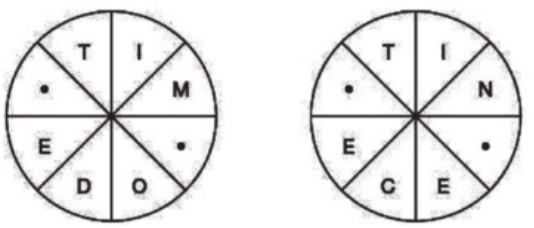
1 CU Mrs; 6 As Lao;
7 UK Aim; 8 Nag me;
9 Reply

DOWN

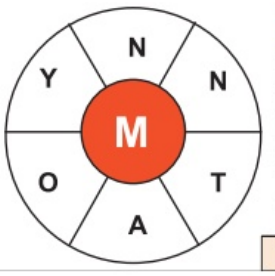
1 Lumps; 2 Am col;
3 Ray in; 4 Agues;
5 Me ark

Mensapuzzle

Fill in the blanks and find two words that are synonyms.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	6					5		
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		3					6	
	1							
		8		5	7		3	9
			2		9	1	8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7
2 4 6 7

Medium = 38
1 3 4 9

Hard = 7
3 4 8 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

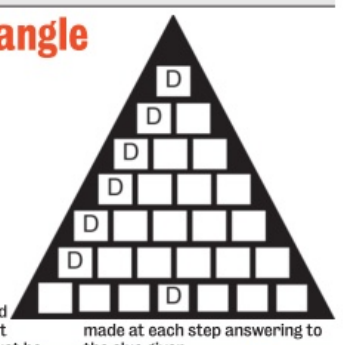
Differences: 1. Box is not as wide. 2. Bottom of desk is different. 3. Briefcase is moved. 4. Ear is smaller. 5. Back of chair is different. 6. Collar is missing.

Riddler

You can actually view words from a different perspective. For example, number could mean getting more numb, while a butter could simply be a goat or a ram. And now for the problem. What do you call a wicked thing?

Alpha triangle

1 Fourth letter
2 Act
3 Bambi's mom
4 Peace lover
5 Channel port
6 Herds
7 Sellers



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

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Bizarrotrip

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I'll never stop reminding you that you can overcome any obstacle.
EMOTIONAL SUPPORT VEGETABLE
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Diamond Lil

I'M STILL WORKING ON THAT BOOK I'M READING
THE TITLE IS "PROCRASTINATION AND YOU"
HOW MUCH HAVE YOU READ?
THE TITLE
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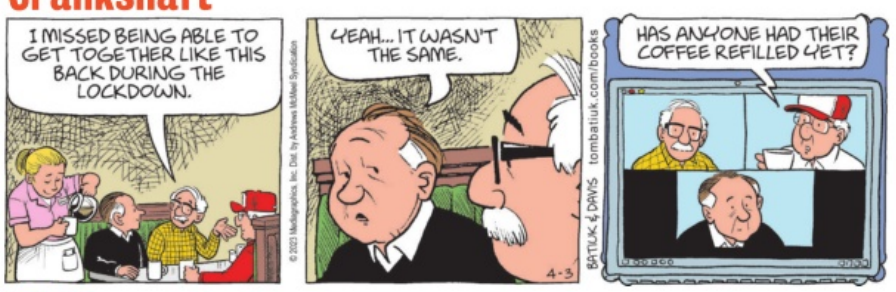
Hart of the city

I DON'T WANT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "TALL GIRL" IN SCHOOL.
ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU'RE KNOWN AS THE ACTOR WITH THE WEIRD NAME.
PEOPLE KNOW ME AS AN ACTOR?!
I'M A PUBLIC FIGURE!

Crankshaft


I MISSED BEING ABLE TO GET TOGETHER LIKE THIS BACK DURING THE LOCKDOWN.
YEAH... IT WASN'T THE SAME.
HAS ANYONE HAD THEIR COFFEE REFILLED YET?
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be enthusiastic and more focused, which can speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you start a new project, which could bring you profit in the near future. You can expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news regarding employment opportunities.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy with family issues and make important decisions on the domestic front. It is advisable to avoid arguments in personal matters, as your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. Before making investments in business, follow your intuition.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, your inner strength may help you initiate new innovations in the workplace. There is a likelihood of receiving a big order in your parental business, which will contribute to its growth in the near future. New responsibilities in your job may keep you busy, and job seekers might find good job opportunities. Understanding with your spouse may improve, maintaining harmony in family life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and experience poor health, along with nervousness, anxiety, and restlessness. It is advised to postpone important investments in business or real estate. Avoid rash driving and long-distance travel. Engaging in meditation can be helpful in controlling chaotic situations.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, blessings from elders may make you happy, and your investments may yield profits. Losses may turn into gains now. Your savings can boost your bank balance, and you may plan investments for your children's future. Enjoying delicious food at home is also likely. Problems related to throat, teeth, ears, or nose may be resolved.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by elders, and your patience is greatly improved. Your focus on work is commendable, and your parents' health improves. Spending time with elders is likely, and you may also meet influential individuals who can assist you professionally. Romantic moments can enhance harmony in your domestic life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be spiritual and extend help to needy people around you. Consider donating to charity or a religious place. Your good karma may lead to success in challenging projects. You may feel the presence of a divine power that assists you in unpredictable situations. Occult subjects may attract your attention, and students are likely to enjoy in-depth studies.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel dull and become a victim of hidden fear, which can make you scared and distrusting. It is advisable to meditate and chant prayers to overcome this hypothetical situation. With the blessings of elders in the late evening, you can emerge from this chaotic state.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at work, and your network may expand, leading to a significant business or work order. Innovations in partnership are likely, and investments in your business may increase its growth in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will also improve.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which boosts your confidence. Your focus on goals becomes clear, and you may succeed in achieving them. Your creativity may improve, and you may develop an interest in artifacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. By the end of the day, you may feel satisfied with your life, and your opponents are likely to be under control.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are likely to utilise your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus on goals may be strong. Be cautious not to overwork and tire your mind, as it can lead to anxiety, restlessness, and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid indulging in fantasies while studying and instead maintain focus and dedication.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dissatisfied as the people around you may not cooperate. It is advised to maintain patience. When signing contracts, carefully read documents. Making new investments in useless things may create obstacles for you. Students are advised to approach their subjects with patience and diligence.

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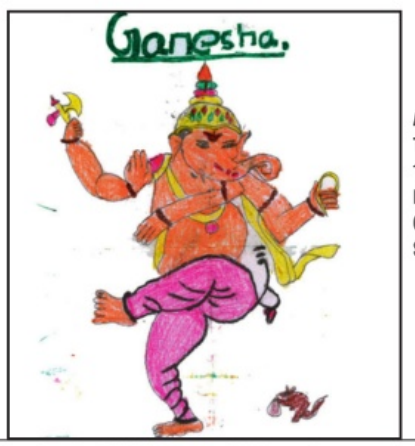

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BULL'S EYE
anonym, ANTONYM, atom, many, moan, moat

STRIKE OUT

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, Do, Doe, Dove, Dover, Drover, Vendors.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 − 6 + 7 + 2 = 7
Medium
4 x 9 + 3 − 1 = 38
Hard
4 + 8 / 3 + 3 = 7

SUDOKU

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5	9	4	3	7	6	8	1	2

MENSA PUZZLE
IMMODESTY, INDECENT

RIDDLER
Candle

QUOTE UNCODE
Ready tears are a sign of treachery, not of grief.

LOOP

KAKURO

So intense — Actress Rakul Preet Singh revealed that a 15-day intense shoot sequence for her upcoming 'I Love You' left her so drained and stressed out that she felt like a "zombie" for a week

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Love note from Ki

Kiara Advani finds touching way to thank fans after finishing 9 years in B-Town

Kiara Advani began her career with 'Fugly' in 2014. The film didn't do well at the box office and it was forgotten and Kiara's career started seeing an upwards with 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story'. But 'Fugly' completes 9 years today and Kiara penned a heartfelt note for her fans on her 9th anniversary.

The actress shared a cute handwritten note which read, "To my dearest well-wishers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting me and giving me so much love through these 9 years.

This journey would not be the same without each one of you. I am grateful that I got the chance to be a part of your family and lives. Thank you for having my back through all my ups and downs and making me the person and actor I am today. 9 years and it feels like it's only just begun. With gratitude in my heart and dreams in my eyes, I look forward to the journey ahead together to entertain you and give you all the happiness I can through my work... to continue to learn and grow with you by my side. With love, always, Kiara..."

—ETimes

She's got the looks

Taapsee knows how to create a ripple on Insta with saree style

Taapsee Pannu has recently unveiled a never-before-seen side of herself, captivating her fans with a mesmerizing photo on Instagram. The picture showcases her in a white, see-through saree, setting the temperature soaring. Accompanied by the caption, "Haaye ni Munda lambda da...," which loosely translates to "He stares at me like an idiot," Taapsee radiates confidence.

Fans couldn't contain their admiration, with one comparing her to the iconic Mandakini.

In terms of her professional assignments, Taapsee recently took a break from shooting for Dunki, a film in which she stars alongside Shah Rukh Khan. Expressing her excitement about the project in an interview, she described it as a film that exudes a charm. She further emphasised that the joy on the sets was palpable, as it's hard to imagine anyone not having fun. Taapsee even expressed her willingness to take on a minor role if it meant getting the chance to romance Shah Rukh Khan on screen.

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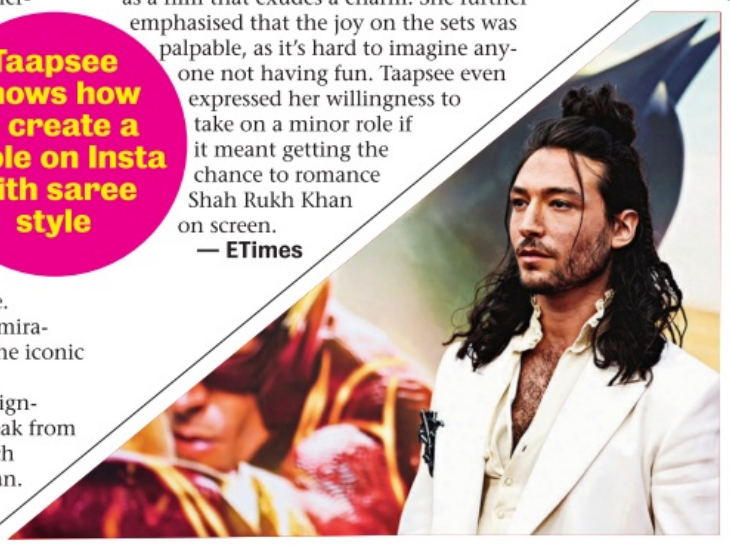

The Flash shows up

Actor Ezra Miller made a public showing for the first time in nearly two years, attending the Los Angeles premiere of DC Studios' 'The Flash'.

The embattled actor spoke openly about misconduct allegations levied against them and various legal woes, addressing fans and many industry players at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, reports 'Variety'.

Miller, who is non-binary and uses they and them pronouns, made a big show of acknowledging Warner Bros. Discovery CEO David Zaslav, Warner Bros. Film Group heads Michael De Luca and Pam Abdy and DC Studios stewards James Gunn and Peter Safran for "your grace and discernment and care in the context of my life. And in bringing this moment to fruition".

Following a series of incidents, Miller was charged with felony burglary in Vermont in 2022 after police investigated their involvement with a robbery at a home. Their troubles began in 2020 after a video emerged depicting Miller as they appear to be choking a woman outside of a bar in Iceland. No charges were filed. As per 'Variety', they were also arrested twice in Hawaii, for disorderly conduct and harassment.

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Ditch the bottle

A song from the film 90 Bidi Manig Nadi – Sanjeganta Sumne Dhudi 90 Hodi Manig Nadi - was released recently. Dr V Nagendra Prasad has written the lyrics and Dr Rajesh Krishnan has sung the song. Vaijanath Biradar, who plays the lead, appears in the song with Kari Subbu and Prashant Sidd.

"We released the song on Monday and it has already become popular among music lovers. We

plan to launch the movie's trailer on June 17. The movie conveys the much-needed message to society, especially to those wasting their hard-earned money to buy alcohol. We want to entertain the audience and make them aware of the ill-effects of alcohol," said Nagaraj Arehole, one of the directors of the movie.

Umesh Badaradinni is the other director of this film. While Arehole has previously directed Keetle Krishna and Haro Hakkigalu, Badaradinni has directed Bidalare Endu Ninna.

The movie was earlier titled 90 Hodi Manig Nadi but later it was changed to 90 Bidi Manig Nadi as the previous one was encouraging people to have a drink before heading home.

The movie is bankrolled by Rathnamala Badaradinni under the Amma Talkies Bagalkot banner.

Beware of loan wolves

Nagaraj MG Gowda, who has directed December 24, is ready with his second movie Kaanoonuastra. The muhurat function of the movie was held at the producer's office at Sunkadakatte recently. Gowda said the movie aims to create awareness among those who avail of vehicle, housing or personal loans. "Many people, especially those from middle-class families, are struggling to repay loans. They are being harassed by recovery agents if there is a delay in repaying the equal monthly installment (EMI). Our movie suggests measures to avoid such harassment from such agents," said Gowda.

The director said most people have no awareness about the law that protects

them when the lender harasses them. "Seizure of vehicles and collecting extra money as penalty from the loan defaulters has led to domestic problems. There are some instances where a wife quarrels with husband and families are broken due to this harassment," he said.

Putte Gowda N has written the script and dialogues besides bankrolling the movie.